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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: SC CONSULTATIONS, APRIL 12

1. AS AGREED UPON AT APRIL 10 SC CONSULTATIONS, THE
COUNCIL WILL RECONVENE FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON
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THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SC RES 425 AT 3:30 P.M. ON APRIL
12. IT IS DIFFICULT TO ANTICIPATE WITH ANY CERTAINTY
AT THIS STAGE HOW SC CONSULTATIONS WILL PROCEED. WE
EXPECT KUWAIT AMB. BISHARA WILL MAKE STATEMENT (IN PART
ON BASIS OF ARAB GROUP MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THE MORNING
OF APRIL 12.) SYG'S LETTER TO COUNCIL PRESIDENT OF
APRIL 10 ON ARRANGEMENTS, FOR SENEGALESE CONTINGENT

AND ERSKINE'S APPOINTMENT AS UNIFIL COMMANDER HAS BEEN CIRCULATED TO SC MEMBERS AND WILL PROBABLY BE TAKEN UP AT THE END OF THE CONSULTATIONS. THIS SHOULD REQUIRE LITTLE TIME UNLESS SOVIETS CHOOSE TO RAISE FURTHER QUESTIONS CONCERNING PROCEDURES AND THE ROLE OF THE COUNCIL VERSUS THAT OF THE SYG IN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS.

2. UNITED NATIONS HAS RECEIVED CONFIRMATION THAT PHASE I OF INITIAL IDF WITHDRAWAL PLAN IS BEING IMPLEMENTED AND WORD IS ABOUT IN UN CORRIDORS THAT WITHDRAWAL IS INDEED TAKING PLACE AS ANNOUNCED.

3. MEANWHILE LEBANESE PERM REP TUENI PROVIDED US WITH APRIL 11 STATEMENT BY PRIME MINISTER EL-HOSS ON ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL, AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT: "WE DEMAND ISRAEL'S COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL FROM LEBANESE TERRITORIES, AND WE SHALL CONTINUE TO EXERT EFFORTS AND PRESSURES TO ACHIEVE THAT. THE LAND IS OURS, AND WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANYTHING SHORT OF ITS TOTAL AND SPEEDY RETURN TO US. THE METHODS OF THE ISRAELI ENEMY IN PROCRASTINATION, COMPLICATION, AND EVASIVENESS ARE WELL KNOWN. OUR CONSCIOUSNESS OF THOSE METHODS IS SUFFICIENT TO FOIL AND FRUSTRATE THEM. WE ARE STRONG IN OUR POSITION, BECAUSE WE DRAW OUR STRENGTH FROM OUR FRANK AND CLEAR RIGHT TO OUR LAND. CONFIDENTIAL

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WE ENJOY THE SUPPORT OF OUR ARAB BROTHERS, AS WELL AS THAT OF OUR FRIENDS ALL OVER THE WORLD. SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 425 WAS A FINE EXPRESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL WILL TO SUPPORT THE CAUSE OF LEBANON. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO MOBILIZE ALL OUR ENERGIES AND ALL OUR POTENTIAL AT EVERY LEVEL, UNTIL TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OUR TERRITORIES IS REALIZED." END TEXT. YOUNG

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